

This letter is to tell you of my strenuous opposition to proposed legislative and regulatory changes that would reduce my rights under current fair use copyright protections. I am particularly opposed to the proposed "broadcast flag" supported by the television and content industries. This legislation will do nothing to protect an industry from media pirates, but it will reduce my fair use rights historically protected by copyright legislation. It is especially frustrating to me as a voter to see my rights eroded by an industry whose political power is derived from billions of dollars obtained by exploiting both artists and consumers.

It will take a brave commission of the highest integrity to protect my rights, and I hope the Federal Communications Commission will have that integrity. Other commissions, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission and its audit commission, have found there are risks in failing to act with such integrity. Please act in the interests of the consumers and citizens and reject any proposal such as the "broadcast flag" that reduces fair use rights under the suspect claim of piracy protection.